

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING**

**May 8, 2018
6:00 pm.**

Mayor Randy Barrett called the meeting of the Winfield City Council to order on May 8, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at Winfield City Hall, 3426 Winfield Road, Winfield, WV.

ATTENDANCE

Members Attending: Randy Barrett, Mayor; Steve Hanna, Frank Bannister, Kevin Karnes, Ryan Powers and Joe Rumbaugh, members; Jackie Hunter, Recorder was absent.

Staff Present: Gloria Chapman, City Clerk/Treasurer and John Hodges, Public Works Director.

Absent: Tim LaFon, City Counsel.

Public and Guests:

Approval of Minutes: Ryan Powers moved that the minutes of the April 17, 2018 be approved as presented. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL:

Bills Paid. Hearing no objections or questions, the bills paid for the month of April 2018 in the amount of \$ 71,538.12 were approved.

General Fund Financial Statements. Hearing no objections or questions, the financial statement for the month of April 2018 was approved.

Coal Severance Fund Financial Statement. Hearing no objections or questions, the Coal Severance Statement for April 2018 was approved.

REPORTS, QUESTIONS & DISCUSSIONS

Police and Municipal Staff Report:

Chief Starcher reported that he administered the Sergeant's exam at the Police Department this past month to Luke Mullins and Stephen Thompson. The exam consisted of a PT test, written test and an interview with the Chief, Captain Young and the Mayor. He reported that Stephen Thompson passed with 2.6 points higher than Officer Mullins and congratulated Officer Thompson on becoming a Sergeant.

Chief also reported that Officer Higginbotham and Officer Oiler were in Teays Valley attending a free DEA Class this week. Chief also reported that there was a PRO Conference up in July that Sergeant Young and Officer Coey would be attending, and that Sergeant Young was nominated for Officer of the Year for his work in the PRO Program. Chief Starcher also reported that on May 21st there will be an Active Shooter Class put on by the WV State Police and our officers would be attending, and that Officer Coey would be attending a free class for dealing with abused children.

The Chief stated that Officer Coey was now in the schools and he was getting positive feedback on her and that she had once incident with a student having a knife. Also, he stated that Officer Higginbotham and Officer Oiler are doing a great job and the feedback he got from the community was very positive; one person even thanked the Officer that wrote them a ticket.

Mayor Barrett reported that he had an ethics complaint brought against him by one of the bidders on the mowing contract. The Mayor stated that the bidder told the Ethics Commission that he was the low bidder, but he was actually the highest bidder and stated that he sent in his reply to the Ethics Commission, but does not have their ruling yet. The Mayor also reported that the WV DEP approved the rain garden for water retention on the Boat Ramp project.

The Mayor reported that River Ridge Church of Hurricane as part of an outreach service to the community, put mulch around the flower beds at the Community Center and they did a very good job which was greatly appreciated.

The Mayor also reported that the city sent out a newsletter today with updates on spring clean-up and our anniversary celebration.

Wastewater System/Treatment Plant Report: John Hodges reported that they didn't get to take the ammonia sample until late in the month and do not have the readings back yet.

The Mayor reported that the Sanitary Board went and looked at the equipment in Rockport, IL and said that they made changes such as eliminating explosion-proof areas, which is a big cost savings on the project. The Mayor also state that our plans for the new plant have been submitted to the WV DEP and that we had a meeting with our accountant to work out financing options.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Annexation Discussion. Attorney Tim LaFon stated that the next hearing date is July 23rd.

City National Bank Audit. Attorney Tim LaFon said he is working on litigation and two other cities have joined in the suit against City National.

Ord. 2018-2019-3 text amend Article 709.02 Sign Ordinance. Tabled until next month.

Amend Ordinance to exempt tax on demolition of buildings. The Mayor reported that it was discovered to be a computer error that caused it to double bill the customer, and the problem has been corrected.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution for WV Development Office grant. Upon motion made by Kevin Karnes, the Resolution "accepting conditions and authorizing execution of a contract for a Land & Water Conservation Fund Grant award for Winfield City Park, Phase II in the amount of \$ 16,000.00" was approved. Motion carried.

2018-2019-2 Rezoning Hobba – corner lot of Country Lane & Valley Street. Mayor Barrett reported that the Planning Commission denied the rezoning; therefore, there is no action for the Council to take.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Frank Bannister moved that the meeting be adjourned at 6:37 p.m., until the next scheduled meeting. Motion carried.

Randy L Barrett, Mayor

Jackie Hunter, Recorder